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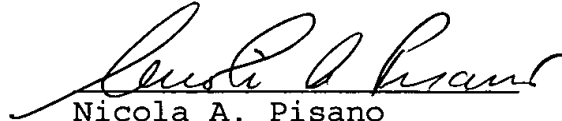
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.96,
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above-identified application:*

U.S. Patents

6,332,089	12/2001	Acker, et al.
6,273,913	08/2001	Wright et al.
5,743,874	04/1998	Fischell et al.

U.S. Patent Publications

2001/0049549	12/2001	Boylan et al.
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Foreign Patent Publications

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It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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